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WHERE THE MONEY GOES

State expenses boomerang right along, likewise town, village and city expenses; in fact, everything of a public nature.—Waterbury Record.

Include also personal expense and you have told about the whole story. Things don't cost any more than they did forty years ago—in fact more of them have gone down in price than have gone up—but we all have more things, right down through from the United States government to the high school boy who wants to wear silk socks and have a tan shirt.

There is a lot of talk always about increased expense but the average man often forgets his own responsibility. This man, and practically that includes all of us, wants as good a home as his neighbors, wants as good food as he can get, wants his wife and children to be well dressed and to take their part in the social life of the community, wants them to have vacation trips occasionally, and all these increase his expense.

When it comes to his town or city, he wants as good as other communities and better if possible. He wants schools, fire department, roads, sewers, lights, sidewalks, and other public advantages as good as possible and so he goes to town meeting and votes money knowing full well that it will increase his taxes.

With the state a similar process is always going on. No man who has not been at Montpelier during a session of the legislature realizes the tremendous and increasing pressure always going on for new and more and larger appropriations. The farmers are there demanding more money for agriculture for forestry and horticulture; the automobileists and others who use the highways are insistent on having more money for roads; the working men are there with an earnest plea for factory inspection, workmen's compensation, better sanitary conditions where labor is employed, safety devices laws and scores of other things that cost money; the public elementary schools are always claiming that they must have more money in their great work of educating the young; the state colleges point to the splendid records they have made and ask the state to add them in increasing their facilities; the lawyers are there in full force with plans for improved courts and better administration of justice that cost more money; patriotic bodies like boards of trade, the Grand Army, etc., etc., want money to advertise the state to aid the veterans, to provide for the orphaned and homeless, to care for the sick and incurable, to educate the blind and defective, and other worthy and pressing needs.

There isn't a man, woman, or child in Vermont that isn't personally interested in some of these demands on the state treasury. None of the groups are strong enough alone to get what they want but by compromise and working together they often succeed in carrying through their appropriation bills. It is likewise these greatly increasing efforts for appropriations that are one of the leading causes of much longer sessions.

This steadily increasing state, municipal and individual expense is the great problem of the age. Whole sale denunciation does no good, and the individual who cannot keep his own expenses down isn't really in a position to criticize his town and state.

There is a remedy, but it is not in electing any particular man to office or his extravagant promises to bring reform; it is not in putting any party into power because its platform and candidates promise economy, for experience the world over has shown that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred this results in increased expense; it is not in crippling good work already in progress by ill timed parsimony; it is not in mere knocking and grumbling.

The real remedy lies in a better efficiency in all branches of government; in not taking on new expenses until money enough can be saved in some other direction to meet the bill; in avoiding the demagogue who with sounding brass and clever phrases makes great claims and promises that his record shows he is not competent to carry out; in putting into public office men of honesty, experience in affairs, frugality without narrowness and patriotism without bigotry—men whom you would trust with your own pocket-book, and men free from entanglement with selfish business that may pull the string at a critical time; and above all in educating ourselves to

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Party Amalgamation

It is somewhat entertaining to read in the state press the occasional eruptions of some "republican trick" to bring about amalgamation of the progressive and republican parties, the writer being seemingly haunted by some frightful bogey of plot, intrigue and back-room conspiracy, which he deems it his duty to expose.

This is an extremely healthful and harmless amusement which need not be taken at all seriously and which the shrewd observer may very heartily commend as tending toward the proper hilarity of an early summer.

Amalgamation as a formal act, formulated by party leaders and adopted as a party measure, is not to be expected. It would not be particularly acceptable to republican leaders and it would deprive certain progressive leaders of their occupations and accompanying attendants. Amalgamation of another sort, however, is going on continuously.

The people themselves, in Vermont and elsewhere, are pretty thoroughly awake to the situation and are extremely unlikely to follow strange gods again when they are now well assured that such an unhappy impulse will simply confirm the democratic party in power. If by progressivism they could at once oust the democrats and confirm progressive republicans in office, the radical element in the party might try the experiment.

Republicans of all shades of belief, however, must realize that the progressive movement of 1912 has simply turned the reins of government over to the democrats, enacted a rains free trade bill, reversed the balance of trade against this country, paralyzed business, and plunged the nation in a costly imbroglio with Mexico.

The trend back to the old parties is irresistible. The democrats are all returned, because where the spoils are there will the faithful be gathered together. Republicans, both radical and conservative, are looking each other in the eye and are finding that they are one on national policies **all** that keeps them apart is pride and the self-interest of their leaders.

In a sense the organization of the progressive party was a positive measure, designed to rebuke certain leaders who are now effectively discredited. There was never an excuse for the split outside of a certain abuse of party machinery, and there is every prospect that such an abuse will be made impossible hereafter.

The people are doing their own amalgamating without regard to the furious protests of the progressive leaders or the frantic outbursts of the progressive press. They are coming back to republican principles and the Bull Moose is dwindling to a skeleton.

Soon all that will be left will be a picturesque rack of bones, a set of antlers and a mask of grinning teeth!

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